



Congressman Jim Jordan (R-OH), Chairman

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House Republicans Launch YouCut Project

Today, House Republicans will launch the *YouCut* project, which will make use of some of the spending reduction efforts proposed by the RSC Sunset Caucus. Every week, this project will allow the American people to vote online for various spending cut options as presented on the Republican Whip's website. The winner will be chosen for a previous question vote on the House floor, thus giving the Majority the choice between allowing the House to consider an option to cut wasteful spending, or instead blocking the House from considering these deficit reduction options. For the first week, the five spending cut options are:

- Eliminating the **Presidential Election Fund**, which would save \$260 million over five years. **Rep. Tom Cole** has introduced legislation to eliminate this program as an RSC Sunset Caucus Initiative (H.R. 2993).
- Eliminating the taxpayer **subsidies for union activities**, which would save \$120 million annually. **Rep. Phil Gingrey** has introduced legislation to eliminate spending for this purpose as an RSC Sunset Caucus Initiative (H.R. 3251).
- Eliminating the new **welfare fund** created by the "stimulus." **Representatives Tom Price and Jim Jordan** have introduced legislation to eliminate this program, saving taxpayers \$7.5 billion over three years (H.R. 1277). This was an RSC Sunset Caucus Initiative.
- Eliminate a HUD program for doctoral dissertations, saving taxpayers \$1.5 million over five years.
- Eliminate wealthy communities from being eligible to receive Community Development Block Grants, saving taxpayers \$1.7 billion over five years.

Quotes of the Week:

"House Republicans are now on the cusp of failing to meet the most basic responsibility of governing – enacting a budget."

-Rep. Steny Hoyer, 2006

"If you can't budget, you can't govern."

-Rep. John Spratt, 2006



\$86 Billion Competes Act on Floor Today

Today, the House will begin consideration of H.R. 5116, the America Competes Reauthorization Act. The legislation authorizes a total of \$85.6 billion over five years for the approximately 40 programs that would otherwise sunset at the end of 2010, and that were created by the COMPETES Act of 2007. The legislation would further create seven new government programs. The authorization level is 31% above the current spending baseline.

Gohmert to Introduce Ban on Government Construction, Leasing

Representative Louie Gohmert will introduce legislation that creates a moratorium on the construction or leasing of new federal buildings in the District of Columbia until January 2012. With the U.S. debt over \$12 trillion, federal funds that would be spent on new construction or leasing of federal buildings would be better spent lowering the debt. To cosponsor this legislation, contact Theresa Wang of Rep. Gohmert's staff at Theresa.Wang@mail.house.gov.

Posey Introduces Deficit Reduction Check-Off Act

Representative Bill Posey (R-FL) has previously introduced the Deficit Reduction Check-Off Act (H.R. 4308). The legislation allows a taxpayer to dedicate up to \$10 of their tax rebate to deficit reduction (\$20 in the case of a joint filer) and have the government match this with a tenfold reduction in spending equal to \$100 (\$200 in the case of joint filers). OMB would be directed to apply the reductions as an across the board spending cut, exempting Social Security, Medicare, and veterans' pensions. Those without tax liability could still check-off the box and direct OMB to apply the same tenfold reduction. To cosponsor this legislation, contact Stuart Burns of Rep. Posey's staff at Stuart.burns@mail.house.gov.

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